State-wise survey of wastelands has been conducted. However, it is estimated that the extent of waste lands in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is as follows:—

	Total Area of Wastelands (in lakh hectares)
Uttar Pradesh	80.61
Bihar	54.58

[*Translation*]

Atrocities on SCs/STs

6161. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the killings of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country has continuously been increasing:

(b) the number of persons belonging to each of the said categories killed during the last three years;

(c) whether instructions for taking special measures have been issued to the States to check such killings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). The total number of SCs and STs persons killed by non-SCs/STs in the country during last three years are given below:—

Year	*Persons Killed*	
	Scheduled Castes	*Scheduled Tribes*
1988	579	119
1989	556	96
1990	548	120

(c) and (d). The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 has been passed to prevent commission of atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Act Provides for stringent punishments. Special Courts have been specified/set up for speedy trial of cases of atrocities under the Act. The Act provides for relief and rehabilitation to the victims of atrocities. The Government of India shares the cost of the implementation of both the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 with the State Governments on 50:50 sharing basis. The Government has issued detailed guidelines covering precautionary, preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures to State Governments to check crimes against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. On 31.8.1991 Prime Minister wrote to all Chief Minister to personally ensure that the administrative machinery in the States is so geared up that atrocities do not recur and if there is any lapse within the administration, strict action must be taken against those who failed in their duty.

[*English*]

Improvement in the Conditions of Homeopathy Colleges

6162. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: